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REMARKS**I. INTRODUCTION**

No new matter has been added. Thus claims 1, 3-7 and 9-19 remain pending in this application. It is respectfully submitted that based on the following remarks, all of the presently pending claims are in condition for allowance.

II. THE 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) REJECTIONS SHOULD BE WITHDRAWN

Claims 1, 4-7, 9-14 and 19 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 6,243,707 to Humpleman et al. (hereinafter "Humpleman") in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,167,564 to Fontana et al. (hereinafter "Fontana") in further view of U.S. Patent No. 6,505,348 to Knowles et al. (hereinafter "Knowles"). (See 08/03/07 Office Action, p. 2).

Claim 1 recites,

A method for processing content-related information for delivery to a processing device configured to support an electronic program guide of a first type, the method comprising: configuring a reference information - object model for use with the content-related information in accordance with a unified modeling language format, the reference information object model comprising a plurality of directly or indirectly interrelated classes each having at least one specified property, the reference information object model defining a set of requirements, the set of requirements relating to at least one type of content; and configuring at least a portion of the content-related information for consistency with corresponding portions of the reference information model when the content-related information satisfies the set of requirements, the portion of the content-related information so configured thereby being selectively extractable by the electronic program guide of the first type and at least a second electronic program guide of a second type different than the first type in accordance with a specified semantic and syntactic consensus.

Specifically, claim 1 recites, "configuring at least a portion of the content-related information for consistency with corresponding portions of the reference information model when the content-related information satisfies the set of requirements." As recited in claim 1, "the portion of the content-related information so configured thereby being selectively

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extractable by the electronic program guide of the first type and at least a second electronic program guide of a second type different than the first type in accordance with a specified semantic and syntactic consensus.” The Examiner asserts that these recitations of claim 1 are taught by Humpleman. (See 08/03/07 Office Action p. 2-4). Applicants respectfully disagree.

In contrast to the recitations of claim 1, Humpleman describes a system where the available content on multiple devices is combined into a single HTML EPG, which is available for viewing on any browser based home device. For example, Humpleman states “in one embodiment of the invention, a process extracts the information from a particular EPG and converts it into a standard program format. The standard program format is then used to build an HTML program guide. The HTML program guide can be displayed on any browser based home device.” (See Humpleman, col. 23, ll. 2-7). Humpleman continues “[i]n certain other embodiments of the invention, a multimedia identification process is tasked with searching the accessible home devices to determine what material is currently available on each of them. (See Humpleman, col. 23, ll. 30-33). Thus, it is clear that Humpleman does not distinguish between different types of EPGs as specifically recited in claim 1. Humpleman does not teach or suggest “content-related information so configured thereby being *selectively* extractable by the electronic program guide of the first type and at least a second electronic program guide of a second type different than the first type”.

In addition, claim 1 recites, “the set of requirements relating to at least one type of content.” The Examiner asserts that this recitation of claim 1 is taught in Humpleman at column 23, lines 5-29. (See 08/03/07 Office Action p. 12). Applicants respectfully disagree.

The Examiner states that the reference to computer files, DVDs and CDs is the same as the content of claim 1. (See 08/03/07 Office Action p. 12). This, however, is incorrect. Computer files, DVDs, and CDs refer to a type of format in which information can be stored, not a specific type of content. The content, as referred to in claim 1, is the information in the electronic programming guide such as show time, show type etc. This is not the same as the format type of DVD or CD as asserted by the Examiner.

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Therefore, Applicants submit that Humpleman does not teach or suggest the invention of claim 1. Applicants further submit that neither Fontana nor Knowles cure the above-described deficiencies of Humpleman with respect to claim 1. Because claims 4-7 and 9-14 depend from, and therefore include all the limitations of claim 1, it is respectfully submitted that these claims are also allowable for at least the same reasons given above with respect to claim 1.

Independent claim 19 recites,

determining a reference information object model based on a unified modeling language format for use with the content-related information, the reference information object model comprising a plurality of directly or indirectly interrelated classes each having at least one specified property, the reference information object model defining a set of requirements, the set of requirements relating to at least one type of content; and configuring at least a portion of the content-related information for consistency with corresponding portions of the reference information object model when the content-related information satisfies the set of requirements, the portion of the content-related information so configured thereby being selectively extractable by the electronic program guide of the first type and at least a second electronic program guide of a second type different than the first type in accordance with a specified semantic and syntactic consensus.

Applicants submit that this claim is also allowable for at least the reasons stated above with respect to claim 1.

III. THE 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) REJECTIONS SHOULD BE WITHDRAWN

Claims 3 and 15 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Humpleman in view of Fontana and Knowles, in further view of U.S. Patent Publication No. 2002/0073081 to Kido (hereinafter “Kido”). (See 08/03/07 Office Action, p. 7).

Applicants submit that Kido does not cure the above-described deficiencies of Humpleman, Fontana, and Knowles with respect to claim 1. Because claims 3 and 15 depend from, and therefore include all the limitations of claim 1, it is respectfully submitted that these claims are also allowable for at least the same reasons given above with respect to claim 1.

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IV. THE 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) REJECTIONS SHOULD BE WITHDRAWN

Claims 16-18 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Humpleman in view of Fontana in further view of Kido. (See 08/03/07 Office Action, p. 8).

Applicants submit that claims 16-18 are allowable for at least the same reasons given above with respect to claim 1.

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CONCLUSION

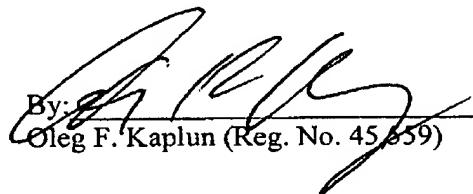
In view of the above remarks, it is respectfully submitted that all the presently pending claims are in condition for allowance. All issues raised by the Examiner having been addressed, an early and favorable action on the merits is earnestly solicited.

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